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### **ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO ATTEND ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD STUDY SESSION – HORNE TO RECOMMEND MAJOR CHANGE TO HELP INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

PHOENIX (Thursday, December 8, 2005) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne will attend the Roosevelt School District Board Study Session on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. At that time, he will recommend one major change to increase academic performance at the Roosevelt School District.

The Department of Education is familiar with the Roosevelt School District, in part, because nine of its schools are “Underperforming,” one is “Failing,” and five have had problems in the implementation of the Department’s Reading First Initiative. That has given the Department first hand experience with at least 15 of the Roosevelt School District’s 20 schools.

Attending the meeting with Superintendent Horne will be the following:

Margaret Garcia Dugan – ADE Deputy Superintendent  
Phyllis Schwartz – Associate Superintendent of School Effectiveness Division  
Marie Mancuso – Deputy Associate Superintendent (DAS) of Standards Based Teaching & Learning Unit  
Kathy Hrabluk – Director of Reading First  
Cheryl Lebo – DAS of Best Practices Unit  
Dale Parcell – DAS of School Improvement Unit  
Kim Allen – School Improvement ASSIST Coach  
Tommie Miel – DAS of State Intervention Unit  
Steve Salomone – Director of State Intervention  
Nancy Konitzer – DAS of Title I  
Richard Valdivia – DAS of Academic Achievement Program Operations  
Art Harding – Legislative Liason

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